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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: REPORT OF AD HOC GROUP MEETING
OF OCTOBER 10, 1974

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT ITS OCTOBER 10 MEETING, CHAIRED
BY THE ITALIAN REP (CAGIATI), THE AD HOC GROUP APPROVED
THREE SETS OF TALKING POINTS FOR THE OCTOBER 15
INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST. THE FIRST PAPER
CONTAINED A RESUME OF WESTERN MOVES
AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A MIDDLE GROUND ON THE "WHOSE
FORCES" ISSUE. IT WAS DESIGNED AS A COMPREHENSIVE CATALOGUE OF THE
PRESENT WESTERN POSITION ON THE "WHOSE FORCES" ISSUE THE
SECOND PAPER PRESENTS THE AGREED ALLIED POSITION ON DEFINI-
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TION OF GROUND FORCES. THE BELGIAN, UK, AND ITALIAN REPS ARGUED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT POSE INCLUSION OF WARSAW PACT GROUND SUPPORT HELICOPTER PERSONNEL AS A CONDITION FOR EASTERN ACCEPTANCE OF THE REVISED DEFINITION EXCLUDING POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAK AIR DEFENSE FORCES, SINCE THE LATTER WERE AFTER ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL. US AND FRG REPS ARGUED THAT INCLUSION OF PACT GROUND SUPPORT HELICOPTER PERSONNEL HAD BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AD HOC GROUP PROPOSAL TO NATO AND WAS A LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE OF AN APPROACH BASED ON ELIMINATING INCONSISTENCIES, BECAUSE COMPARABLE NATO PERSONNEL WERE ALREADY INCLUDED IN NATO TOTALS. THEY NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO POINT OUT THAT THESE FORCES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "ARMY AVIATION" PERSONNEL. THE GROUP CONCLUDED THAT WESTERN REPS SHOULD PROPOSE INCLUSION OF PACT HELICOPTER PERSONNEL IN A REVISED DEFINITION OF GROUND FORCES. AT FRG REQUEST THE GROUP ALSO DECIDED TO CHANGE SLIGHTLY THE NOMENCLATURE FOR POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAK AIR DEFENSE FORCES TO BE USED WITH THE EAST AND TO CALL THEM "TERRITORIAL AIR DEFENSE FORCES." FRG REP (BEHREND) SAID THE CHANGE IN NOMENCLATURE, WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF OMITTING THE TERM "NATIONAL;" BEHREND FEARED THAT USE OF THE TERM "NATIONAL" IN THIS CONTEXT COULD GIVE UNDESIRABLE CURRENCY TO THIS WORD, WITH ADVERSE EFFECT FOR NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS. A THIRD CONTINGENCY TALKING POINTS PAPER WAS ALSO APPROVED.

2. DETAILS OF OCTOBER 10 AD HOC GROUP MEETING BEING SENT VIA AIRGRAM.RESOR

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